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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action electronically mailed March 22, 2007 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1-21 are pending in the Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-6 and 9-21 and objects to Claims 7 and 8. Applicants amend Claims 1, 8-9, 14-15 and 20-21 and cancel Claim 8. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections

Claims 1-5, 9-12, 15-18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0093483 issued to Kaplan ("*Kaplan*"). Claims 6, 13, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kaplan* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,834,249 issued to Orchard ("*Orchard*"). Claims 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kaplan* in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0190947 issued to Feinstein ("*Feinstein*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,573,883 issued to Bartlett ("*Bartlett*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons discussed below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that dependent Claims 7 and 8 are allowable. Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 such that it recites elements similar to those recited in original Claim 7. Applicants have also amended Claims 9, 15 and 21 to recite similar elements. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 9, 15 and 21 are allowable over the cited art used in the rejections and request withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and of those claims depending therefrom.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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